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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, BG, PK

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT MUSHTAQUE WRITES TO PRIME MINISTERI BHUTTO

REF: ISLAMABAD 7849 (NOTAL)

1. BANGLADESH RADIO LAST EVENING (AUGUST 26) BEGAN CARRYING AND THE DACCA PRESS TODAY CARRIES A BRIEF REUTERS REPORT DATELINED ISLAMABAD DESCRIBING A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MUSHTAQUE TO PAKISTANI PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO. ACCORDING TO THE ACCOUNTS, MUSHTAQUE'S LETTER IS IN REPLY TO AN EARLIER MESSAGE FROM BHUTTO AND REPORTEDLY SAYS THAT "THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF BANGLADESH LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPENING OF A NEW CHAPTER BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND THE NORMALIZA-
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TION OF RELATIONS AMONG THE COUNTRIES IN THE SUBCONTHNENT".

THE ACCOUNTS SAY THAT MUSHTAQUE "HAS MADE CLEAR HIS DESIRE TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN."

2. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN NO RELEASE OF THE TEXT OF THE LETTER HERE IN DACCA AND NO DACCA-DATELINED STROY. MOREOVER, THE TREATMENT OF THE STORY IS MATTER-OF-FACT, AND THUS FILTERS OUT THE TONE OF TEMPERED EBULLIENCE WHICH MARKS THE MESSAGE AS REPORTED IN THE REFTEL. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT "ASSALAM-O-ALAIKUM" WAS USED IN THE SALUTATION NOR WAS THERE ANY REFERENCE TO PREFERRED GIFTS OF RICE AND CLOTH. REGARDING THE LATTER, THERE HAS TO DATE BEEN NO PUBLIC MENTION OF THE PAKISTANI GIFTS.
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